

### Old in Years and Sorrow.

Among the figures that loom gigantic through the battle smoke of the titanic war, Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria, is the most pathetic. He is old in years, old in war, old in sorrows.

On the 3th of this month he will be 84 years old, having been born in Berlin on that day, 1830. That is a long life for a man to travel in peace and serenity; how much longer it must seem to one who has carried the pack of adversity and eaten of the bread of bitterness.

He is the oldest living monarch in the world, having ascended the throne in 1848, before many of the other royal participants in this war were born. His great age and his long reign should have made him the most courteously treated monarch in Europe, a referee in across-boundary disputes. Wisdom should have come from experience, and a softening quality from his sorrows that would have made him the ideal arbiter.

For not only have war losses and state affairs often filled him with sadness, but tragedy has marked him for her own in his family life. First, when he was still young, came the shooting of his brother, Maximilian, made emperor of Mexico by the French, who had interfered in that country. The story of the young emperor's death shocked all Europe, but touched his brother, Francis Joseph, to the heart.

Francis Joseph had married Princess Elizabeth Amalie Eugenie, cousin to the king of Bavaria, and the second great tragedy came when their son, Crown Prince Rudolf, was mysteriously slain while visiting at Myerling. The sorrow of it bowed the emperor to the dust.

And yet fate had not dealt its worst blow, for ten years ago, during the celebration of their golden wedding jubilee, his wife, an old woman—too old to be the object of hatred—was assassinated.

After those sorrowful days the aged and broken emperor centered his hopes on Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to his throne. A few months ago a fanatical Serbian youth shot to death the archduke and his wife while they were in Belgium, and the old emperor was left desolate.

Is it any wonder that among his subjects he is called the Emperor of Sorrows?

Out of the killing of the archduke and his wife has flamed up this war that is devastating half the continent.

Europe was ready for war, the powder train having been laid by the preceding quarter of a century of militarism, the piling up of fleets and armies. Emperor Francis Joseph only touched the fuse when he issued his ultimatum to Serbia regarding the punishment of the Serbian assassin and the running down of possible accomplices.

Servia had already made explanation and had done all that she could, and when Austria continued to threaten she looked to her cousins in Russia for aid. Russia began to mobilize her armies; the Kaiser of Germany, Austria's ally, saw the mobilization from afar and demanded the reason. Then ultimatums went to England and France, the call to the colors was sounded throughout the incensed countries, and in a twinkling Germany and France, to whom were speedily added the intrepid Belgians, flaming with indignation at the violation of their neutrality by the German Kaiser.

And today these countries, which a month ago were peaceful fields and scenes of commerce and agriculture and art and science, are armed camps of vast battlefields, where passion is at high tide and the spirit of murder rides with an unchecked rein.

And in his splendid palace in Vienna, Francis Joseph, it may be the last of the Hapsburg rulers, looks on at the dreadful conflict and takes stock of his share of the blame.

If he is responsible, then not only the fifth and crowning tragedy of life has come to him, but has come staining red his old hands, that soon must be folded forever away from the things or heart.—Commercial Appeal, Aug. 25.

### Be prepared to be Taxed.

Indications point to an increase in taxation all along the line, national, State and municipal, in the case of the first named without a corresponding, or partial corresponding, benefit to the people who must, whether they wish to, or not, pay the tax.

It is said the loss in revenue to the United States from customs duties because of the conflict going on in Europe, will reach at least one hundred millions of dollars, a sum which our enlightened statesmen at Washington propose to cover by placing a tax of 5 or 10 per cent on railway tickets, and on tickets to places of amusement, etc., and by doubling the tax on beer.

By means of the first mentioned device it is estimated \$60,000,000 will be obtained, by the second \$50,000,000, a total of \$110,000,000.

In the meantime the cost of living is also advancing in every direction, also attributed to the European war.

But the latter fact does not appear to be bothering our so-called representatives who with salaries of \$7,500 annually each, and with mileage and other allowances that may easily run the sum to \$10,000 a year, are not worrying as to where they are going to get meat, sugar, etc., for their tables, clothing and shoes for themselves and their children, or homes to live in within their incomes.

These so-called representatives have no cause to worry over war, as have the average wage earner on a salary of from \$500 to \$1,500 a year. But they do have their worries, worries that other men considerably.

These worries are brought about by thinking of their political henchmen at home, the men who pull the political wires under the direction of the boss, content to subsist upon the crumbs that are thrown out under the guise of public appropriations—pork barrel legislation as it is popularly known, legislation that appropriates millions for the improvement of streams that rise nowhere and everywhere and empty into like places, for public buildings costing \$50,000 to \$150,000 in towns and cities where a business of \$3,000 a year would create panic among the office force and consternation among the politicians who would regret having asked for so small an amount when more could so easily be secured.

Pork barrel legislation amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars every year. It is money spent more to provide sinecures for political henchmen rather than for the public good.

Bad enough, disgraceful enough as such legislation is at all times, it is worse and more disgraceful when carried on under such stress as the people of this country are under at the present time.

If our so-called representatives in Washington will cut out pork barrel legislation for a single year, there will be no reason to devise ways and means to increase the taxes of a people who are already greatly overtaxed.

Old Capitol Disintegrating.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion among those who have studied the situation that the ravages of time and nature's forces have taken quite a step forward in settling the question of disposal of the old State capital building. The collapse of a section of the interior, following the penetrating rains of the past few days, indicates that the start toward disintegration has set in, and that if left to itself, in another year or so there will be still further downfall. There is plenty of sentiment favoring the salvation of the old life, but it is a cold, pitiless and un sentimental fact that it will require something more substantial and tangible than sentiment to keep these historic walls intact very much longer. It is a melancholy fact that even the rats, but sand vermin have begun to forsake the building as a nesting place, as asserted by those who have investigated.

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## FOX HOUND RACE AGRICULTURAL

### Will Be a Big Feature at Tri-State Fair.

Hounds Will Start Opposite Grand Stand and Continue Around the Old Race Course, Finishing Under a Wire at Starting Point.

A feature of considerable consequence at the Memphis Tri-State Fair, from September 26 to October 3, will be a fox hound race. Several experienced hounds have been entered and will make the mile distance over the race course without being forced to chase a fox.

The only thing to guide them will be their masters' horns. Men will be stationed at various points around the track and blow blasts from the regular fox hunting horns, and this will spur the dogs on in their chase until the wire is reached at the starting point.

All hounds are experienced. They have been trained for this race and it is expected to be one of the most exciting events of the fair meeting.

President A. L. Parker, of the Tri-State Fair association, says, so far as he knows, it is the first race of its kind ever planned, and he believes every dog will strive to make it as realistic as possible by endeavoring to reach the wire first.

Hundreds of people can recall fox hunting days of yesteryears. While the sport is still in existence, it has long since been abolished in many parts of the country, and thousands of young people are living today who have never witnessed real fox hounds at work.

The fair association in staging a fox hound race believe it will be as much of an educational feature as one devoted to pleasure and they propose to make it a leading event at the fair by having such races every afternoon.

Leading hounds from Tennessee and Mississippi kennels will be found in competition at the fair. Anyone owning a first class hound can enter provided it is attended to at once. If you or your neighbors own one enter him with Frank D. Fuller, Secretary of the Fair.

## PLENTY OF MUSIC

Big Tri-State Fair at Memphis Will Have Daily Concerts in the Grand Stand.

Prof. White's military band will furnish music for the Tri-State Fair at Memphis, September 26 to October 3. Prof. White announces that it will be composed of forty pieces, and that nothing but the highest class music will be played at the daily concerts in the grand stand.

Prof. White is best known as leader of Al Chymia Temple band of Mystic Shrine. He has furnished music for the city at all parks for two seasons and those who have heard him are loud in praising his band.

Besides the daily band concerts, there will be free vaudeville acts before the grand stand, beginning each afternoon at 2 o'clock. Many novelties will be produced, making it as good a show as any one would see for 50 cents. Don't forget to come to the big Tri-State Fair and Exposition this year. Cheap fares on all railroads.

### Will Be Largest Ever Seen in the South.

County Prizes Will Be Distributed Among Winners of Any County Excepting Those That Have Won First Prizes at Former Fairs—Memphis Fairs.

The agricultural exhibition at the great Tri-State Fair in Memphis, September 26 to October 3, will be the largest ever staged in the South.

All counties that have won first prizes at former Memphis fairs will not be permitted to enter for a prize, and in as much as the fair is given in Shelby county, there will be no home competition.

Any county in Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas or West Kentucky and North Alabama will be entitled to enter for the big prizes as follows: Best county exhibit on display, \$300; second best, \$250; third best, \$200; fourth best, \$150; fifth best, \$100; sixth best, \$75. To each additional county making an exhibit worthy of mention a prize of \$50 will be paid.

For the best county exhibit from each of the states sending it, there will be a prize of \$50 given, and the winner will be judged as the champion county of that state.

Arrangements have been made to furnish free exhibition booths. Decorations for exterior of the booths will be free, but each exhibitor will be asked to arrange and decorate the interior of his booth, same always to be of agricultural products. Decorations and arrangements will add greatly in points awarding prizes, but the products must be the best grown in 1914 and from an individual residing in the county from which they are entered.

Awards will be made on variety of field, farm and orchard and garden products. Exhibits may be shipped to the secretary of the Tri-State Fair at Memphis and cost of shipment must be paid. Upon request from exhibitor, the products will be returned—that is, such as are not perishable. The exhibitors must take care of their exhibits after they have been installed or provide such means.

Besides the county exhibits, there are various other prizes for farm, garden, orchard and all products grown. The best way to be fully informed about this is to write the Tri-State Fair at Memphis for a premium list.

### Balloon Ascensions at the Tri-State Fair

Believing that aeroplanes have become stale enough to revive the old-time balloon ascensions, the management of the Tri-State Fair at Memphis, September 26 to October 3, announces having engaged several crack men and women for this work, are in a position to offer splendid amusements for the old and young. Watch for them daily.

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